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FOR CONTAINER SPOUTS OR BOTTLE SPOUTS TO BE CLOSED
WITH FILM MATERIAL

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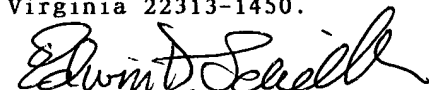
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The enclosed references were cited in the International Search Report of Applicants' corresponding international application, No. PCT/CH2003/000392, filed under the provisions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (a copy of the International Search Report being concurrently filed herewith), or otherwise known to Applicants.

The accompanying references relate generally to opening and closure devices, etc., generally known to the prior art.

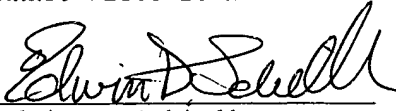
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